

## **CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

**Reason for Inquiry:** California Penal Code § 919(b) mandates that the Grand Jury “inquire into the conditions and management of all detention facilities within their county.”

**Background:** Opened in 1963, the California Correctional Center’s (CCC) primary mission within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is to receive, house and train minimum custody inmates for placement into Northern California conservation camps. CCC currently maintains 19 camps, located throughout Northern California, to work with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in fire-suppression activities. The secondary mission is to provide meaningful work assignments for the support of the institution, as well as educational and training opportunities for inmates, including those who do not qualify for the camp program. A multi-level educational program provides students with courses leading to a General Education Degree (GED), vocational training, or a high school diploma. College classes are also offered that can lead to a college degree.

CCC expanded in 1987 with construction of the Lassen Unit, specifically to house Level III (medium custody) inmates in a cell configuration. Lassen Unit has an electric fence for security. The 2009-2010 Lassen County Grand Jury visited the California Correctional Center on January 22, 2010.

**Findings:** Overall Assessment for California Correctional Center

Number of Custody staff:	798
Number of Non-Custody staff:	319
Number of Medical staff:	150
Total number of staff:	1267

As of fiscal year 2009-2010, the following statistics apply:

Facility Level	Design Capacity	Count
I (Cascade/Arnold Unit)	1557	1535
II (Sierra/Main Gym)	1203	1224
III (Lassen Unit)	950	933
Camps	2029	1823
Total Inmate Population:	5739	5559

### **Wastewater and Water Conservation Update:**

The Susanville Wastewater Treatment Plant Modifications include the following:

- Construction of three new earthen treatment ponds and three effluent storage ponds involving 650,000 cubic yards of earthwork.
- Installation of 60 mil HDPE liner material in 115 acres of six new ponds and five existing storage ponds.
- The replacement of all headwork’s equipment.
- Construction of a new storage facility building.
- Construction of two major recirculation pumping stations.

- Installation of a new effluent disposal center pivot (254 acre) irrigation system.
- Construction of more than 5.3 miles of 32", 24", 18", and 16" HDPE buried piping.

**Laundry:** During the tour of the laundry area, the Grand Jury noted that the clean laundry and dirty laundry areas are being kept separate. The clean laundry is brought in through one sally-port door and the dirty laundry is brought in through a different sally-port door, never crossing the clean with the dirty laundry. The folding tables are wiped down with sanitizer between each load of clean laundry.

**Main Kitchen:** During the tour of the kitchen area the Grand Jury did not see any standing water or outstanding issues. OSHA did an inspection on April 22, 2009 and found no problems with the floor in the kitchen. California Correctional Center also had an inspection done by an outside engineer, whom also found no problems with the kitchen floor.

**Pups on Parole:** Pups on Parole is a partnership between the California Correctional Center and the Lassen County Humane Society. The program which saves dog's lives is also intended to help with the rehabilitation of inmates. Currently, they have seven kennels, 124 pups have been adopted by the public since June 21, 2007. The dogs get individualized obedience training at the firehouse.

#### **Education Accomplishments for 2009**

General Educational Development/High School Diplomas:	125
College Students:	116
Physical Fitness Training:	1507
Academic Students currently enrolled:	477
Vocational Students:	1288

The education program has applied and received grants for 15 smart boards in their class rooms.

The CCC holds self-help Groups for inmates. In 2009 the Self-Help Group attendance was as follows:

AA Meetings:	5264
NA Meetings:	1986
All Other Self-Help:	3747
Religious, Services:	17990

**Youth Diversion:** This program began in 2008. Youths must be 18 years of age or older to participate. The inmates volunteer to share their story with the youths on probation. Each month a seven to eight hour session is conducted. Inmates also participate in the "Every 15-Minutes" program at local high schools.

**Commendations:** The Grand Jury would like to commend the staff of the California Correctional Center for their efforts in supporting the community through charitable contributions, and work with youth in the community.

**Recommendations:** The Grand Jury was not met by the Warden or his designated representative upon arriving at the Correctional Center. This is a recurring problem which was noted in last year's Grand Jury Report. The Grand Jury believes there is a lackadaisical attitude towards their official visit. It is recommended that prior to visits, the California Correctional Center refine their protocol procedures for greeting official visitors.

**Response Required:** Yes.